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A. EMBASSY RECEIVED A NOTE FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON JUNE 30,
TELLING US THAT, "THE PRESIDENT ELECT OF COLOMBIA WOULD BE PLEASED IF
ALL THE COUNTRIES THAT MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR RELATIONS WIT
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COLOMBIA WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION
CEREMONIES NEXT AUGUST 7TH, BY A SPECIAL MISSION, NOT TO EXCEED
THREE PERSONS INCLUDING THE RESIDENT CHIEF OF MISSION,
ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR SPOUSES.

THE CEREMONY FOR THE PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC, DR. ALFONSO LOPEZ MICHELSEN, FOR THE INAUGURATION
WILL TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 6TH."

B. THE ABOVE NOTE IS ACCOMPANIED BY A DOCUMENT GIVING FURTHER
DETAILS OF THE CREMONIES, THE SALIENT POINTS OF WHICH ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

1. REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE RELATIONS
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WITH COLOMBIA ARE BEING INVITED.

2. BECAUSE OF SPACE LIMITATIONS, SPECIAL MISSIONS ARE REQUESTED
TO ACCREDIT NOT MORE THAN THREE PERSONS (INCLUDING THE
ACCREDITED RESIDENT AMBASSADOR), ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR SPOUCES.
IF ANY OF THE SPOUCES CAN NOT TRAVEL, THAT PERSON SHOULD NOT
BE SUBSTITUTED BY ANOTHER DELEGATE.

3. THE CHIEF OF THE SPECIAL MISSION AND SPOUSE WILL BE OFFICIAL

GUESTS OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, WITH HOUSING PROVIDED AT NO COST, FROM SATURDAY AUGUST 5 UNTIL THURSDAY AUGUST 10, WHICH IS THE DAY FOR DEPARTURE OF MISSIONS. FOR THE ARRIVAL AND RECEPTION OF THE SPECIAL MISSIONS ON SATURADAY THE 5TH, A VEHICLE WILL BE PLACED AT THE DISPOSITION OF EACH SPECIAL MISSION. EACH SPECIAL MISSION WILL BE ATTENDED BY AN OFFICIAL ESCORT SELECTED BY THE OFFICE OF PROTOCOL.

4. ON AUGUST 6TH, FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO WILL RECEIVE COPIES OF CREDENTIALS AT 10:30 A.M. IN THE NEW PRESIDENTIAL PALACE (DARK BUSINESS SUIT). PRESIDENT LOPEZ WILL RECEIVE THE CREDENTIALS IN THE OLD PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AT 4:00 P.M. (BUSINESS SUIT).

5. THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CAPITOL ON AUGUST 7TH AT 3:00 P.M. MEMBERS OF OFFICIAL MISSIONS SHOULD BE PRESENT IN THE CAPITAL AT 2:45 (MORNING COAT).

6. THE PRECEDENCE OF SPECIAL MISSIONS WILL BE DETERMINED ACCORDING TO THE DATE AND HOUR OF RECEIPT OF THE OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION ANNOUNCING THEIR DESIGNATION, WHICH SHOULD INDICATE THE RANK AND RANK ORDER OF EACH OF THE MISSION MEMBERS AS WELL AS THE FULL NAME OF THE SPOUSES. (SEE ALSO PARAGRAPH 8 BELOW).

7. AS THE PROGRAMS MUST BE PRINTED WELL IN ADVANCE, IT IS INDISPENSABLE THAT THIS DATA BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO JULY 15.

8. PREDEENCE OF THE SPECIAL MISSIONS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

A. CHIEFS OF STATE.

B. HEADS OF GOVERNMENT.

C. VICE-PRESIDENT OF STATE.

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D. FOREIGN MINISTERS.

E. PRESIDENT OF JUDICIAL POWERS.

F. PRESIDENTS OF PARLIAMENTS.

G. SPOUSES OF CHIEFS OF STATE AS SPECIAL PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LATTER.

I. AMBASSADORS, IN THEIR CAPACITY AS HEADS OF SPECIAL MISSIONS.

9. THE SPECIAL MISSION OF THE HOLY SEE WILL HAVE PRECEDENCE OVER ALL OTHER MISSIONS EXCEPT THOSE HEADED BY A CHIEF OF STATE.

10. IF COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING SPECIAL MISSIONS ARE RECEIVED AT THE SAME TIME, PRECEDENCE WILL BE ESTABLISHED ACCORDING TO THE ALPHABETICAL ORDER OF THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED.

C. A COPY OF THE NOTE AND ADDENDUM, TOGETHER WITH INFORMAL TRANSLATIONS OF BOTH, WILL BE POUCHED TO ARA/AND THIS WEEK.

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